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Subject: Boycott of the IRIS Inorganic Arsenic and Hexavalent Chromium Meeting
Attachments: Boycott statement to EPA re IAs & CrIV mtg.doc

To the IRIS management team and Chemical Managers for inorganic arsenic and hexavalent chromium:

A statement from multiple scientists who have previously provided input to your group on inorganic arsenic and hexavalent chromium is attached. We are boycotting EPA's meeting this week due to the severe imbalance, which appears to be intentional.

Attempts to discuss this with your management were unsuccessful. Although I received multiple phone messages from one member of the IRIS management team, each message directed me to not attempt to call back because he was out of the office. I left messages and sent e-mails to another member of the management team and requested a phone meeting via his secretary. I received no response at all to those messages or requests for discussion.

I hope you will share the information in our attached statement with your scientific colleagues who work on the development of IRIS evaluations, including those within and outside of the program itself. I and others who signed on to the attached statement have the utmost respect for the scientists who work at US EPA with dedication and honesty. The current situation is both unnecessary and is in opposition to the NAS recommendations and the public interest.

Regards,
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Attached statement endorsements from:

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